# JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY

# DECEMBER 6, 2010 (Special Meeting)



# TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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EARLEAN COLLINS
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# JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

# OF THE

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# OF COOK COUNTY

Special Meeting of Monday, December 6, 2010

10:00 A.M.

# COOK COUNTY BOARD ROOM, COUNTY BUILDING

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Board met pursuant to the following call:

November 29, 2010

The Honorable David Orr Cook County Clerk 69 West Washington Street Chicago, Illinois 60602

Re: SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE for December 6, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.

in County Board Room, 118 North Clark, Rm. 569, Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Orr:

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to be convened on Monday, December 6, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which meeting the Oaths of Office for the President and Commissioners of Cook County will be administered.

Yours very truly,

TODD H. STROGER, President Cook County Board of Commissioners

# COPY OF LETTER SENT TO ALL COMMISSIONERS

November 29, 2010

Cook County Elected Officials Department Heads and Financial Officers

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Todd H. Stroger, President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, has directed me to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on Monday, December 6, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. in the County Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, at which meeting the Oaths of Office for the President and Commissioners of Cook County will be administered.

Very truly yours,

DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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This is to certify that a copy of the above notice was hand delivered and personally addressed to each member of the Board of Cook County Commissioners at their home address and was deposited in the United States Mail on November 29, 2010.

DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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The following Legal Notice appeared in the Chicago Sun-Times Newspaper on December 1-6, 2010.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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DAVID ORR, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois

December 1, 2010

# OFFICIAL RECORD

President Todd Stroger in the Chair.

# **CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President Stroger called the Board to Order.

### **QUORUM**

County Clerk David Orr called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present:

President Stroger and Commissioners Beavers, Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski - 17.

# **INVOCATION**

Pastor Chris Harris, Sr. of Bright Star Church of God in Christ gave the Invocation.

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Official Statements concerning the Election of the Commissioners and the President of the Cook County Board was given by David Orr, Cook County Clerk.

STATE OF ILLINOIS ) ) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK )

I, David Orr, County Clerk of Cook County, in the State aforesaid and keeper of the records and files of said Cook County, do hereby certify that the persons listed below were duly elected County Commissioners at an election held in each election precinct in Cook County on Thursday, November 4, A.D. 2010, and their Oaths are on file in my office:

Earlean Collins	(1st District)
Robert B. Steele	(2nd District)
Jerry "Iceman" Butler	(3rd District)
William M. Beavers	(4th District)
Deborah Sims	(5th District)
Joan Patricia Murphy	(6th District)
Jesus G. Garcia	(7th District)
Edwin Reyes	(8th District)
Peter N. Silvestri	(9th District)
Bridget Gainer	(10th District)
John P. Daley	(11th District)
John A. Fritchey	(12th District)
Larry Suffredin	(13th District)
Gregg Goslin	(14th District)
Timothy O. Schneider	(15th District)
Jeffrey R. Tobolski	(16th District)
Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman	(17th District)

all of which appears from the records and files of my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said County at my office in the City of Chicago in said County the 6th day of December, A.D. 2010.

DAVID ORR, County Clerk

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The Oath of	Office was	administered	by the County	y Clerk to all	members-elect	as shown by	the foregoing
roll.							

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK

I, Earlean Collins, do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability.

EARLEAN COLLINS, 1st District Board of Commissioners

Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County.

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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK

I, Jerry "Iceman" Butler, do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability.

JERRY BUTLER, 3rd District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County

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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD (COUNTY OF COOK (COUNTY BOARD (COUNTY BOA

I, William M. Beavers, do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability.

WILLIAM M. BEAVERS, 4th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD )

Cook County, Illinois

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

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	hat I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of Cook County to the best of my ability.
DEBORAH SIMS, 5th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	) )
	firm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of Cook County to the best of my ability.
JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, 6th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	) )
	that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of Cook County to the best of my ability.
JESUS G. GARCIA, 7th District Board of Commissioners	

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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	) )
	t I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the at I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Cook County to the best of my ability.
EDWIN REYES, 8th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	) )
	that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Cook County to the best of my ability.
PETER N. SILVESTRI, 9th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	) )
	that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of cook County to the best of my ability.
BRIDGET GAINER, 10th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County

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	at I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the at I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of cook County to the best of my ability.
JOHN P. DALEY, 11th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	) )
	that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of Cook County to the best of my ability.
JOHN A. FRITCHEY, 12th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of of Cook County to the best of my ability.
LARRY SUFFREDIN, 13th District	

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County

Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	) )
	I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the t I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of f Cook County to the best of my ability.
GREGG GOSLIN, 14th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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	(affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United is, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office s of Cook County to the best of my ability.
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, 15th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of	of December 2010.
DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County	
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· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	m) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, d that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of f Cook County to the best of my ability.
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, 16th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois	

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County

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CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD COUNTY OF COOK	)					

I, Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability.

ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, 17th District Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

DAVID ORR, Clerk of Cook County

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President Elect Preckwinkle was inaugurated as President of the County Board.

The Oath of Office as follows was then duly administered by Judge Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

CLERK OF THE COOK COUNTY BOARD	)
COUNTY OF COOK	)

I, Toni Preckwinkle, do solemnly swear (affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County to the best of my ability.

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of December 2010.

TIMOTHY C. EVANS, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County

# **OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle assumed Chair as Presiding Officer.

# INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT to the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Inaugural Address - Monday, December 6, 2010

The following are President Toni Preckwinkle's inaugural remarks from this morning: I am honored to be here with you today.

I want to thank my family. I would have never entered this race had it not been for the love and support of my family - my husband Zeus, my children - Kyle and Jennifer, and my daughter-in-law Ronisha.

I want to thank the Mayor and my colleagues in the City Council who have joined me today...I want to thank the residents of the 4th Ward for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Alderman for 19 years. I am grateful to the Governor for being here today - I look forward to working with you in the future.

This is a particular honor for me because, when I first announced my candidacy over two years ago, conventional wisdom was that I was the long shot.

Two years ago I asked you to join me as we launched a campaign to reinvent county government.

So to everyone who made calls, donated money, knocked on doors, passed out literature, marched in parades, and, of course, voted - thank you. All of you have enabled me to be here today.

I have spent these last two years learning first hand about the issues facing the County, speaking with thousands of residents about how County government could better serve them.

As I have traveled our county, a single theme has emerged from residents of every region and from every walk of life. That theme is the need for change - for a new day in Cook County.

Early in my campaign for Board President, I put out a detailed plan, called the Compact for Change, which set forth our initiatives to bring desperately needed transparency, accountability and efficiency to County government.

The Compact for Change served as a foundation around which we assembled our diverse, talented, relentlessly hard-working policy teams to begin to the task of tackling the issues of the County.

The extensive reports of the policy teams, made public on our website, and as the foundation for our transition efforts.

In short, we have been working towards this day for more than two years. We have studied. We have listened and learned from the array of reformers, professionals, civic and community leaders and experts who have shared their ideas and visions.

So today I say to you: we can do better.

However let there be no illusions about the difficulty of the challenges we face.

In the course of [our] history, no effort to bring real change has been easy.

And we must bring to our task the vision and determination of those who have come before us. We must act. And we must act quickly.

After being elected, I asked a diverse group of civic and community leaders to come together and focus on creating a plan that would guide us forward both in the short-term and the long-term.

With the help of the citizens who submitted vision statements online, elected officials we met with, and expert pro bono civic partners brought together by the Civic Consulting Alliance, we have developed a set of recommendations.

The transition report reflects the ideas of Cook County citizens and input from a group of more than 80 public and private sector leaders who have brought diverse viewpoints and decades of experience to our efforts.

It is due in large part of their efforts that, on November 18th, I was able to bring together the eleven County-wide elected officials to begin a discussion of our early findings and to lay the groundwork to repeal the rest of the sales tax increase.

We face an estimated \$487 million deficit. That challenge means each of us, as County-wide elected officials - must find 21 percent in savings in each of our offices. We're going to do it through creativity and collaboration; we're going to do it without reducing the quality of the services we provide. From this work, we will lay the groundwork to repeal the remainder of the sales tax.

But it will not be easy. That said, no will be absolved and no one will be alone. It can be done, and done fairly, but we have to meet this challenge together.

Our County needs a new direction. Today, I present to you a comprehensive plan to set our County on this new course. This new direction comes from our commitment to fiscal responsibility, innovative leadership, transparency, accountability and improved services throughout the County.

Our immediate priority must be restoring fiscal responsibility to the County. Starting tomorrow, we will have until the end of January to develop a balanced budget to present to the Board.

And while we cannot do this without County-wide collaboration, the President's office can lead by example. Already we have identified over 60 cost-saving initiatives within the President's office, including consolidating services within a Bureau of Administration, eliminating non-essential procurement and capital spending, and consolidating back-office functions, such as procurement and technology, of the different County departments. And as promised on the campaign trail, I will reduce my salary by 10 percent.

But the issue of the budget is not just about the deplorable \$487 million deficit. One of the reasons we currently face such a tremendous deficit is the County's lack of any long-term financial planning.

The County sales tax increase raised tax rates on consumer goods in Cook County to the highest levels in the country. Adopted without any plan or constraints on the use of additional tax revenues, this tax increase was a Band-Aid solution that enabled the continued inefficiency of County government.

I know how much the sales tax devastated our working families and businesses. Today, I pledge that the FY 2011 budget will include a commitment to reduce the sales tax by 0.25% in FY 2012 and 0.25% in FY 2013.

But this is only the tip of the iceberg.

Right now, we're almost one week into fiscal year 2011 and we don't have a budget. In few other places is it normal to enter a fiscal year without a plan for operations. This is, put simply, a bad idea. That's why, as soon as we pass the FY2011 Budget, we will begin work to modernize and rationalize the county's antiquated budget processes.

It will be our collective commitment to fiscal responsibility — a new and sensible approach to the stewardship of our tax dollars — that will transform our county government.

Just as we must transform our financial operations, so must we also introduce a culture of performance management.

In order to make the real change we need in Cook County, we need to demand a higher standard from these operations and set in place new measures to ensure that standards are met.

As President, I am committed to professionalizing the operation of the County. To meet this goal, I will appoint a Chief Performance Officer, who will set tough performance targets and hold employees responsible for progress.

The CPO will immediately be tasked with implementing a comprehensive personnel and compensation audit to review the duties of each employee within the President's purview.

This is just the beginning.

This is the time - to open County government to its citizens; to make County government work for its residents.

When I first declared my candidacy for Cook County Board President, I would be stopped in the street by people who, without telling me their names, would identify themselves as County employees. They would tell me that, while they were working hard, they were discouraged by those who spent their days reading or talking on their personal cell phones.

This lack of transparency and accountability has eroded the legitimacy of Cook County government.

Furthermore, the ability of citizens to hold their elected officials accountable is impacted greatly by their access to information.

We've opened up a once secretive hiring process by asking folks who want to be public servants to submit their resumes through our transition Web site, and thousands of people did just that.

In addition, all applicants for board appointments, including those currently serving, should be required to apply for the positions—just like everyone else— and the application forms should be easily accessible on the County's website.

As President, I will require that all current executive appointments to advisory boards be disclosed on the County's website. I will also require that the function and eligibility requirements for each board, compensation, and term for each member, be posted online as well,

We're going to post bids and contracts online so everyone can see how our tax dollars are being spent.

The atmosphere of secrecy that permeates county government has been calculated to hide the many troubling practices for which the County has become known.

The days of secrecy in Cook County are over.

I first decided to run for Cook County Board President because I believe government at all levels has two basic obligations: to provide the best services and to do so effectively and efficiently.

Most County departments run nearly independent back-office functions, which in many cases are redundant. For example, procurement and information technology are handled separately by multiple elected officials. This duplication wastes taxpayer dollars. It reduces the quality of County services by diverting management time away from their primary responsibility: frontline services to taxpayers. Centralizing certain administrative functions, such as procurement, information technology, and payroll, has the potential both to increase quality of the service and lower costs County-wide.

As we make cuts to wasteful, inefficient Government spending, we'll find ways to make new investments where they'll do the most good - investments in health and public service, investments to create jobs, investments in education and training.

In the area of health care, I have been a firm advocate of the independent health board and the need for its permanence. Created in 2008 to provide independent oversight of the public medical system, it has already proven effective at reducing the costs and improving the quality and delivery of services within our health care system. I applaud the work of Bill Foley and the Board of Directors and am committed to working with them to ensure that all Cook County residents have access to these health services.

In addition to the provision of health care that is provided by the County, we've got to work with the safety net hospitals and the community clinics to provide comprehensive health care for all our residents.

The other major responsibility of the County is the overseeing the criminal justice system. Currently, the Cook County's chronically overcrowded criminal justice system is a drain on the County's budget and a threat to our public safety. As Cook County Board President, I will expand resources for alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders and provide treatment for addiction, educational classes and life skills training. This will reduce recidivism and make our county safer. The benefits of this approach are three-fold: 1) decreasing the number of people sitting in jail at a cost of \$117 per day and \$35,000 per year, 2) facilitating re-entry and job training and 3) reducing the number of repeat offenders.

Our current economic climate has only compounded the issues facing our residents.

One of the first actions of my administration will be to create a new Bureau of Economic Development by reorganizing and consolidating several existing departments and divisions, including the President's Office of Employment Training (POET) and the Departments of Community Development, Capital Planning and Development and Building and Zoning.

The consolidation of services within a Bureau of Economic Development would not only help reduce costs but help my administration's focus on effective economic development for the County.

I believe that this will enable us to make economic policy in a much more specific, clear and effective way than County government has done in quite some time.

As Cook County Board President, I am committed to identifying ways for the County to play a more active and aggressive role in economic development and regional planning.

We have a real opportunity to redefine Cook County's place as the economic hub of the Midwest. What I have shared with you today - are just some of the initiatives we will undertake. We're going to make government less expensive and more effective. That's what my plan is all about: a leaner, more efficient, more transparent government. Let's go get to work. THANK YOU!

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President

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A Presentation and Notation of Official Guests was made by President Preckwinkle.

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Selected Comments of Guests.

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn

# **BONDS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

December 1, 2010

Honorable President and Members Cook County Board of Commissioners 118 North Clark Street, Room 567 Chicago, Illinois 60602

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am transmitting the following bonds for your approval:

Bond No. 3-800-431	Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County in the sum of \$1,500,000.00 – Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
Bond No. 3-800-432	Maria Pappas, Collector of Cook County in the sum of \$1,500,000.00 – Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
Bond No. 83BSFV7375	Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County in the sum of $100,000,000.00$ – Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
Bond No. POB8137371	David Orr, Clerk of Cook County in the sum of $\$200,000.00$ - Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland

(The Bonds are on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID ORR, Cook County Clerk

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Bonds be approved and filed in accordance with the law. <b>The motion carried unanimously.</b>
BENEDICTION
Reverend Dr. Nina D. Grey of First Unitarian Church of Chicago gave the Benediction.
<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>
Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Collins, moved that the Special Meeting do now adjourn.
The motion prevailed and the Special Meeting stood adjourned.
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The next regular County Board Meeting is scheduled by law, for Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.
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County Clerk